

# A CLOSER LOOK AT CITIES IN MISSOURI

Animal Issues Task Force

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# Republic, MO

- ▣ Covers 14.9 square miles
- ▣ Serves a population of 14,751
- ▣ Ratio of staff to citizens 1:7,376
- ▣ Total budget: \$129,600
- ▣ Contracts with the Joplin Humane Society
  - Pays flat fee of \$37 per animal
- ▣ No pet licensing program

# Republic Intake and Disposition

	Dogs	Cats
Intake	410	254
Return to owner	123	6
Disposition to rescue	100 (125 transferred to Joplin Humane Society)	45 (195 transferred to Joplin Humane Society)
Disposition to adoption	41	1
Euthanized	10	2

\*The disparity between disposition and intake numbers represents “other categories: animal was taken in DOA (several pets died in a house fire); died during impoundment; and escaped.

\*Data from FY 2010-2011

# Columbia-Boone County

- ▣ Covers 691.3 square miles
- ▣ Serves a population of 162,642
- ▣ Ratio of staff to citizens 1:27107
- ▣ Total budget: \$537,467
- ▣ Contracts with the Central Missouri Humane Society to hold 30 kennels to be available at all times

# Columbia-Boone County's Contract with Humane Society

- ▣ Columbia contracted to pay the Humane Society \$120,280 and an additional \$20,000 after the contract was signed
  - This equates to paying \$140 per animal impounded
- ▣ By using these calculations based on our intake, 63% of our budget would be going to the Humane Society (which includes all ACOs)

# Columbia-Boone County Intake and Disposition

	Dogs	Cats
Intake	865	134
Return to owner	433	7

\*Disposition to rescue, adoption, and euthanasia are services that are provided by the Central Missouri Humane Society due to a contractual agreement or by ordinance.

\*Data from FY 2010-2011

# Columbia-Boone County Pet Licensing

- ▣ Differential pet licensing program
- ▣ Intact dog or cat: \$15/year
- ▣ Dog/cat spayed or neutered: \$5/year
- ▣ Currently licensed: 3,148 dogs/ 740 cats

# St. Louis County

- ▣ Recently refurbished 26,000 sq. ft. carpet warehouse into county run shelter for \$5 million.
- ▣ Maximum capacity is 611 kennel spaces
- ▣ Since the new facility opened last November:
  - Total animals impounded= 3,828
    - ▣ 64% dogs; 32% cats; 4% other
  - Disposition:
    - ▣ 6.6% adopted; 46% euthanized; 17.5% returned to owner; 22.6% transferred to rescue

# St. Louis County

- ▣ Have 2 fulltime veterinarians, one to perform S/N before the animal is put on the adoption floor and one to provide general healthcare to the animals
- ▣ Their money comes from a health tax of .01/\$100 assessed property value.
- ▣ 15 ACOs on staff responsible for 92 municipalities across 524 sq. miles.

# St. Louis County Pet Licensing

- ▣ Does not have a pet licensing program
- ▣ There is a rabies vaccination policy, pet owners must go to a local veterinarian and transfer their rabies tag registration
- ▣ First offense: \$25 (fines increase if pets are not spayed/neutered)

St. Joseph

# Limitations of contracting with an outside kennel to hold animals until disposition:

- ▣ Capacity issues: our shelter houses stray animals, biting animals held in quarantine and court ordered dogs which may require months of boarding time. How can a facility already taking in large numbers of animals increase their capacity without raising euthanasia rates
- ▣ Lack of any control over amount of dogs or cats making it out alive
- ▣ Without our own shelter to fall back on, the city has no choice to be renew kennel contract regardless of an increase in prices.
- ▣ If modeled after Columbia-Boone County relationship with humane society, would cost much more than operating city pound as it is currently ran

Questions?